

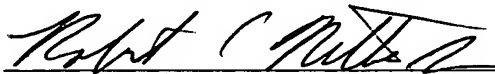
Remarks

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to 1) delete multiple claim dependencies, 2) effect changes of an editorial nature in the claims, 3) provide a copy of the abstract on a separate sheet, 4) insert a proper priority claim, and 5) add new claims 27-31. Support for new claims 27-31 can be found, for example, in original claims 22-26, respectively.

To comply with the requirements under 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825, submitted herewith is a listing of the nucleotide sequences presented in the above-referenced application. Applicants have corrected the inventor and the application information provided in the sequence listing. The sequence listing is being submitted in both paper copy and computer-readable form. Applicants respectfully request entry of the sequence listing into the above identified patent application. The undersigned hereby verifies that the paper copy and computer readable form of the sequence listing are identical and do not contain any new matter.

The foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter into the present application, and, therefore should not be deemed objectionable. Entry of the present amendments is respectfully requested.

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